

SportsStore: Completing the cart

This chapter covers

- Updating the shopping cart so that it persists itself as session data
- Creating a shopping cart summary widget using a view component
- Receiving and validating user data
- Displaying data validation errors to the user

In this chapter, I continue to build the SportsStore example app. In the previous chapter, I added the basic support for a shopping cart, and now I am going to improve on and complete that functionality.

TIP You can download the example project for this chapter—and for all the other chapters in this book—from <https://github.com/ManningBooks/pro-asp.net-core-7>. See chapter 1 for how to get help if you have problems running the examples.

9.1 Refining the cart model with a service

I defined a `Cart` model class in the previous chapter and demonstrated how it can be stored using the session feature, allowing the user to build up a set of products for purchase. The responsibility for managing the persistence of the `Cart` class fell to the `Cart` Razor Page, which has to deal with getting and storing `Cart` objects as session data.

The problem with this approach is that I will have to duplicate the code that obtains and stores `Cart` objects in any other Razor Page or controller that uses them. In this section, I am going to use the services feature that sits at the heart of ASP.NET Core to simplify the way that `Cart` objects are managed, freeing individual components from needing to deal with the details directly.

Services are commonly used to hide details of how interfaces are implemented from the components that depend on them. But services can be used to solve lots of other problems as well and can be used to shape and reshape an application, even when you are working with concrete classes such as `Cart`.

9.1.1 Creating a `storage-aware cart class`

The first step in tidying up the way that the `Cart` class is used will be to create a subclass that is aware of how to `store itself using session state`. To prepare, I apply the `virtual` keyword to the `Cart` class, as shown in listing 9.1, so that I can `override the members`.

Listing 9.1 Applying the keyword in the `Cart.cs` file in the `SportsStore/Models` folder

```
namespace SportsStore.Models {

    public class Cart {

        public List<CartLine> Lines { get; set; } = new List<CartLine>();

        public virtual void AddItem(Product product, int quantity) {
            CartLine? line = Lines
                .Where(p => p.Product.ProductID == product.ProductID)
                .FirstOrDefault();

            if (line == null) {
                Lines.Add(new CartLine {
                    Product = product,
                    Quantity = quantity
                });
            } else {
                line.Quantity += quantity;
            }
        }

        public virtual void RemoveLine(Product product) =>
            Lines.RemoveAll(l =>
                l.Product.ProductID == product.ProductID);

        public decimal ComputeTotalValue() =>
            Lines.Sum(e => e.Product.Price * e.Quantity);

        public virtual void Clear() => Lines.Clear();
    }

    public class CartLine {
        public int CartLineID { get; set; }
        public Product Product { get; set; } = new();
    }
}
```

```
        public int Quantity { get; set; }
    }
}
```

Next, I added a class file called `SessionCart.cs` to the `Models` folder and used it to define the class shown in listing 9.2.

Listing 9.2 The contents of the `SessionCart.cs` file in the `SportsStore/Models` folder

```
using System.Text.Json.Serialization;
using SportsStore.Infrastructure;

namespace SportsStore.Models {

    public class SessionCart : Cart {

        public static Cart GetCart(IServiceProvider services) {
            ISession? session =
                services.GetRequiredService<IHttpContextAccessor>()
                    .HttpContext?.Session;
            SessionCart cart = session?.GetJson<SessionCart>("Cart")
                ?? new SessionCart();
            cart.Session = session;
            return cart;
        }

        [JsonIgnore]
        public ISession? Session { get; set; }

        public override void AddItem(Product product, int quantity) {
            base.AddItem(product, quantity);
            Session?.SetJson("Cart", this);
        }

        public override void RemoveLine(Product product) {
            base.RemoveLine(product);
            Session?.SetJson("Cart", this);
        }

        public override void Clear() {
            base.Clear();
            Session?.Remove("Cart");
        }
    }
}
```

The `SessionCart` class subclasses the `Cart` class and overrides the `AddItem`, `RemoveLine`, and `Clear` methods so they call the base implementations and then store the updated state in the session using the extension methods on the `ISession` interface. The static `GetCart` method is a factory for creating `SessionCart` objects and providing them with an `ISession` object so they can store themselves.

Getting hold of the `ISession` object is a little complicated. I obtain an instance of the `IHttpContextAccessor` service, which provides me with access to an `HttpContext` object that, in turn, provides me with the `ISession`. This indirect approach is required because the session isn't provided as a regular service.

9.1.2 Registering the service

The next step is to create a service for the `Cart` class. My goal is to satisfy requests for `Cart` objects with `SessionCart` objects that will seamlessly store themselves. You can see how I created the service in listing 9.3.

Listing 9.3 Creating the cart service in the `Program.cs` file in the `SportsStore` folder

```
using Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore;
using SportsStore.Models;

var builder = WebApplication.CreateBuilder(args);

builder.Services.AddControllersWithViews();

builder.Services.AddDbContext<StoreDbContext>(opts => {
    opts.UseSqlServer(
        builder.Configuration["ConnectionStrings:SportsStoreConnection"]);
});

builder.Services.AddScoped<IStoreRepository, EFStoreRepository>();

builder.Services.AddRazorPages();
builder.Services.AddDistributedMemoryCache();
builder.Services.AddSession();
builder.Services.AddScoped<Cart>(sp => SessionCart.GetCart(sp));
builder.Services.AddSingleton<IHttpContextAccessor,
    HttpContextAccessor>();

var app = builder.Build();

app.UseStaticFiles();
app.UseSession();

app.MapControllerRoute("catpage",
    "{category}/Page{productPage:int}",
    new { Controller = "Home", action = "Index" });

app.MapControllerRoute("page", "Page{productPage:int}",
    new { Controller = "Home", action = "Index", productPage = 1 });

app.MapControllerRoute("category", "{category}",
    new { Controller = "Home", action = "Index", productPage = 1 });

app.MapControllerRoute("pagination",
    "Products/Page{productPage}",
    new { Controller = "Home", action = "Index", productPage = 1 });

app.MapDefaultControllerRoute();
app.MapRazorPages();

SeedData.EnsurePopulated(app);

app.Run();
```

The `AddScoped` method specifies that the same object should be used to satisfy related requests for `Cart` instances. How requests are related can be configured, but by default, it means that any `Cart` required by components handling the **same HTTP request** will receive **the same object**.

Rather than provide the `AddScoped` method with a type mapping, as I did for the repository, I have specified a lambda expression that will be invoked to satisfy `Cart` requests. The expression receives the collection of services that have been registered and passes the collection to the `GetCart` method of the `SessionCart` class. The result is that requests for the `Cart` service will be handled by creating `SessionCart` objects, which will **serialize themselves as session data** when they are modified.

I also added a **service** using the `AddSingleton` method, which specifies that the same object should always be used. The service I created tells ASP.NET Core to use the `HttpContextAccessor` class when implementations of the `IHttpContextAccessor` interface are required. This service is required so I can **access the current session** in the `SessionCart` class.

9.1.3 Simplifying the cart Razor Page

The benefit of creating this kind of service is that it allows me to **simplify the code** where `Cart` objects are used. In listing 9.4, I have reworked the page model class for the `Cart` Razor Page to take advantage of the new service.

Listing 9.4 Using the service in the **Cart.cshtml.cs** file in the `SportsStore/Pages` folder

```
using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc;
using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.RazorPages;
using SportsStore.Infrastructure;
using SportsStore.Models;

namespace SportsStore.Pages {

    public class CartModel : PageModel {
        private IStoreRepository repository;

        public CartModel(IStoreRepository repo, Cart cartService) {
            repository = repo;
            Cart = cartService;
        }

        public Cart Cart { get; set; }
        public string returnUrl { get; set; } = "/";

        public void OnGet(string returnUrl) {
            returnUrl = returnUrl ?? "/";
            //Cart = HttpContext.Session.GetJson<Cart>("cart")
            // ?? new Cart();
        }

        public IActionResult OnPost(long productId, string returnUrl) {
            Product? product = repository.Products
```

```

        .FirstOrDefault(p => p.ProductID == productId);
    if (product != null) {
        Cart.AddItem(product, 1);
    }
    return RedirectToPage(new { returnUrl = returnUrl });
}
}
}

```

The page model class indicates that it needs a `Cart` object by declaring a **constructor** argument, which has allowed me to remove the statements that **load and store sessions** from the handler methods. The result is a simpler page model class that focuses on its role in the application **without having to worry** about how `Cart` objects are created or persisted. And, since services are available throughout the application, **any component** can get hold of the user's cart using the same technique.

Updating the unit tests

The simplification of the `CartModel` class in listing 9.4 requires a corresponding change to the unit tests in the `CartPageTests.cs` file in the unit test project so that the `Cart` is provided as a constructor argument and not accessed through the context objects. Here is the change to the test for reading the cart:

```

...
[Fact]
public void Can_Load_Cart() {

    // Arrange
    // - create a mock repository
    Product p1 = new Product { ProductID = 1, Name = "P1" };
    Product p2 = new Product { ProductID = 2, Name = "P2" };
    Mock<IStoreRepository> mockRepo = new Mock<IStoreRepository>();
    mockRepo.Setup(m => m.Products).Returns((new Product[] {
        p1, p2
    })).AsQueryable<Product>();

    // - create a cart
    Cart testCart = new Cart();
    testCart.AddItem(p1, 2);
    testCart.AddItem(p2, 1);

    // Action
    CartModel cartModel = new CartModel(mockRepo.Object, testCart);
    cartModel.OnGet("myUrl");

    //Assert
    Assert.Equal(2, cartModel.Cart.Lines.Count());
    Assert.Equal("myUrl", cartModel.ReturnUrl);
}
...

```

I applied the same change to the unit test that checks changes to the cart:

(continued)

```

...
[Fact]
public void Can_Update_Cart() {
    // Arrange
    // - create a mock repository
    Mock<IStoreRepository> mockRepo = new Mock<IStoreRepository>();
    mockRepo.Setup(m => m.Products).Returns((new Product[] {
        new Product { ProductID = 1, Name = "P1" }
    })).AsQueryable<Product>();

    Cart testCart = new Cart();

    // Action
    CartModel cartModel = new CartModel(mockRepo.Object, testCart);
    cartModel.OnPost(1, "myUrl");

    //Assert
    Assert.Single(testCart.Lines);
    Assert.Equal("P1", testCart.Lines.First().Product.Name);
    Assert.Equal(1, testCart.Lines.First().Quantity);
}
...

```

Using services simplifies the testing process and makes it much easier to provide the class being tested with its dependencies.

9.2 Completing the cart functionality

Now that I have introduced the `Cart` service, it is time to complete the cart functionality by adding two new features. The first will allow the customer to remove an item from the cart. The second feature will display a summary of the cart at the top of the page.

9.2.1 Removing items from the cart

To remove items from the cart, I need to add a `Remove` button to the content rendered by the `Cart` Razor Page that will submit an HTTP POST request. The changes are shown in listing 9.5.

Listing 9.5 Removing cart items in the `Cart.cshtml` file in the `SportsStore/Pages` folder

```

@page
@model CartModel

<h2>Your cart</h2>
<table class="table table-bordered table-striped">
    <thead>
        <tr>
            <th>Quantity</th>
            <th>Item</th>

```

```

        <th class="text-right">Price</th>
        <th class="text-right">Subtotal</th>
    </tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
    @foreach (var line in Model.Cart?.Lines
        ?? Enumerable.Empty<CartLine>()) {
        <tr>
            <td class="text-center">@line.Quantity</td>
            <td class="text-left">@line.Product.Name</td>
            <td class="text-right">
                @line.Product.Price.ToString("c")
            </td>
            <td class="text-right">
                @((line.Quantity * line.Product.Price).ToString("c"))
            </td>
            <td class="text-center">
                <form asp-page-handler="Remove" method="post">
                    <input type="hidden" name="ProductID"
                        value="@line.Product.ProductID" />
                    <input type="hidden" name="returnUrl"
                        value="@Model?.ReturnUrl" />
                    <button type="submit"
                        class="btn btn-sm btn-danger">
                        Remove
                    </button>
                </form>
            </td>
        </tr>
    }
</tbody>
<tfoot>
    <tr>
        <td colspan="3" class="text-right">Total:</td>
        <td class="text-right">
            @Model.Cart?.ComputeTotalValue().ToString("c")
        </td>
    </tr>
</tfoot>
</table>

<div class="text-center">
    <a class="btn btn-primary" href="@Model.ReturnUrl">
        Continue shopping
    </a>
</div>

```

The button requires a new handler method in the page model class that will receive the request and modify the cart, as shown in listing 9.6.

Listing 9.6 Removing an item in the Cart.cshtml.cs file in the SportsStore/Pages folder

```

using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc;
using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.RazorPages;

```



```

using SportsStore.Infrastructure;
using SportsStore.Models;

namespace SportsStore.Pages {

    public class CartModel : PageModel {
        private IStoreRepository repository;

        public CartModel(IStoreRepository repo, Cart cartService) {
            repository = repo;
            Cart = cartService;
        }

        public Cart Cart { get; set; }
        public string returnUrl { get; set; } = "/";

        public void OnGet(string returnUrl) {
            returnUrl = returnUrl ?? "/";
        }

        public IActionResult OnPost(long productId, string returnUrl) {
            Product? product = repository.Products
                .FirstOrDefault(p => p.ProductID == productId);
            if (product != null) {
                Cart.AddItem(product, 1);
            }
            return RedirectToPage(new { returnUrl = returnUrl });
        }

        public IActionResult OnPostRemove(long productId,
            string returnUrl) {
            Cart.RemoveLine(Cart.Lines.First(cl =>
                cl.Product.ProductID == productId).Product);
            return RedirectToPage(new { returnUrl = returnUrl });
        }
    }
}

```

The new HTML content defines an HTML form. The handler method that will receive the request is specified with the `asp-page-handler` tag helper attribute, like this:

```

...
<form asp-page-handler="Remove" method="post">
...

```

The specified name is prefixed with `On` and given a suffix that matches the request type so that a value of `Remove` selects the `OnPostRemove` handler method. The handler method uses the value it receives to locate the item in the cart and remove it.

Restart ASP.NET Core and request `http://localhost:5000`. Click the Add To Cart buttons to add items to the cart and then click a Remove button. The cart will be updated to remove the item you specified, as shown in figure 9.1.

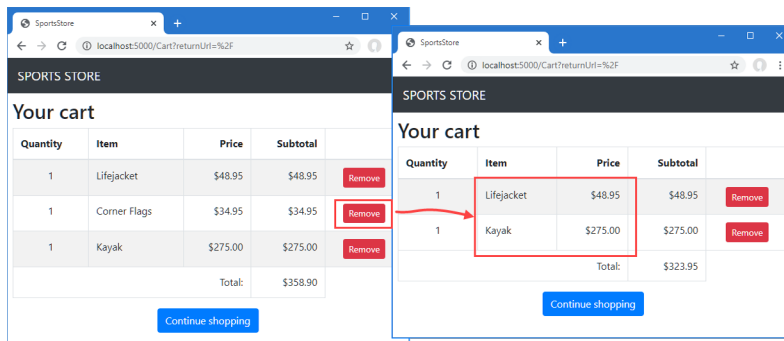


Figure 9.1 Removing items from the shopping cart

9.2.2 Adding the cart summary widget

I may have a functioning cart, but there is an issue with the way it is integrated into the interface. Customers can tell what is in their cart only by viewing the cart summary screen. And they can view the cart summary screen **only by adding a new item** to the cart.

To solve this problem, I am going to **add a widget** that summarizes the contents of the cart and that can be clicked to display the cart contents **throughout the application**. I will do this in much the same way that I added the navigation widget—as a view component whose output I can include in a Razor layout.

ADDING THE FONT AWESOME PACKAGE

As part of the cart summary, I am going to display a button that allows the user to check out. Rather than display the word *checkout* in the button, I want to use a cart symbol. Since I have no artistic skills, I am going to use the Font Awesome package, which is an excellent set of open source icons that are integrated into applications as fonts, where each character in the font is a different image. You can learn more about Font Awesome, including inspecting the icons it contains, at <https://fontawesome.com>.

To install the client-side package, use a PowerShell command prompt to run the command shown in listing 9.7 in the SportsStore project.

Listing 9.7 Installing the icon package

```
libman install font-awesome@6.2.1 -d wwwroot/lib/font-awesome
```

CREATING THE VIEW COMPONENT CLASS AND VIEW

I added a class file called `CartSummaryViewComponent.cs` in the `Components` folder and used it to define the view component shown in listing 9.8.

Listing 9.8 The CartSummaryViewComponent.cs file in the SportsStore/Components folder

```
using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc;
using SportsStore.Models;

namespace SportsStore.Components {

    public class CartSummaryViewComponent : ViewComponent {
        private Cart cart;

        public CartSummaryViewComponent(Cart cartService) {
            cart = cartService;
        }

        public IViewComponentResult Invoke() {
            return View(cart);
        }
    }
}
```

This view component can take advantage of the **service** that I created earlier in the chapter to receive a `Cart` object as a constructor argument. The result is a simple view component class that passes on the `Cart` to the `View` method to generate the fragment of HTML that will be included in the layout. To create the view for the component, I created the `Views/Shared/Components/CartSummary` folder and added to it a Razor View named `Default.cshtml` with the content shown in listing 9.9.

Listing 9.9 The Default.cshtml file in the Views/Shared/Components/CartSummary folder

```
@model Cart

<div class="">
    @if (Model.Lines.Count() > 0) {
        <small class="navbar-text">
            <b>Your cart:</b>
            @Model.Lines.Sum(x => x.Quantity) item(s)
            @Model.ComputeTotalValue().ToString("c")
        </small>
    }
    <a class="btn btn-sm btn-secondary navbar-btn" asp-page="/Cart"
        asp-route-returnurl=
            "@ViewContext.HttpContext.Request.PathAndQuery()">
        <i class="fa fa-shopping-cart"></i>
    </a>
</div>
```

The view displays a button with the Font Awesome **cart icon** and, if there are items in the cart, provides a snapshot that details the number of items and their total value. Now that I have a view component and a view, I can modify the layout so that the cart summary is included in the responses generated by the `Home` controller, as shown in listing 9.10.

Listing 9.10 Adding the summary in the `_Layout.cshtml` file in the Views/Shared folder

```

<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width" />
  <title>SportsStore</title>
  <link href="/lib/bootstrap/css/bootstrap.min.css" rel="stylesheet" />
  <link href="/lib/font-awesome/css/all.min.css" rel="stylesheet" />
</head>
<body>
  <div class="bg-dark text-white p-2">
    <div class="container-fluid">
      <div class="row">
        <div class="col navbar-brand">SPORTS STORE</div>
        <div class="col-6 navbar-text text-end">
          <vc:cart-summary />
        </div>
      </div>
    </div>
  </div>
  <div class="row m-1 p-1">
    <div id="categories" class="col-3">
      <vc:navigation-menu />
    </div>
    <div class="col-9">
      @RenderBody()
    </div>
  </div>
</body>
</html>

```

You can see the cart summary by starting the application. When the cart is empty, only the checkout button is shown. If you add items to the cart, then the number of items and their combined cost are shown, as illustrated in figure 9.2. With this addition, customers know what is in their cart and have an obvious way to check out from the store.

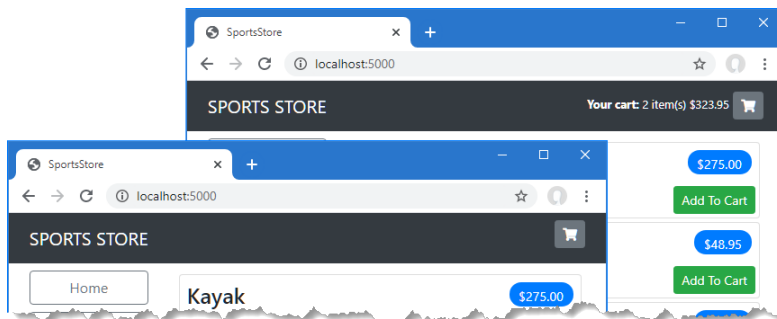


Figure 9.2 Displaying a summary of the cart

9.3 Submitting orders

I have now reached the final customer feature in SportsStore: the ability to check out and complete an order. In the following sections, I will extend the data model to provide support for capturing the shipping details from a user and add the application support to process those details.

9.3.1 Creating the model class

I added a class file called `Order.cs` to the `Models` folder and used it to define the class shown in listing 9.11. This is the class I will use to represent the shipping details for a customer.

Listing 9.11 The contents of the `Order.cs` file in the `SportsStore/Models` folder

```
using System.ComponentModel.DataAnnotations;
using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc.ModelBinding;

namespace SportsStore.Models {

    public class Order {

        [BindNever]
        public int OrderID { get; set; }
        [BindNever]
        public ICollection<CartLine> Lines { get; set; }
            = new List<CartLine>();

        [Required(ErrorMessage = "Please enter a name")]
        public string? Name { get; set; }

        [Required(ErrorMessage = "Please enter the first address line")]
        public string? Line1 { get; set; }
        public string? Line2 { get; set; }
        public string? Line3 { get; set; }

        [Required(ErrorMessage = "Please enter a city name")]
        public string? City { get; set; }

        [Required(ErrorMessage = "Please enter a state name")]
        public string? State { get; set; }

        public string? Zip { get; set; }

        [Required(ErrorMessage = "Please enter a country name")]
        public string? Country { get; set; }

        public bool GiftWrap { get; set; }
    }
}
```

I am using the validation attributes from the `System.ComponentModel.DataAnnotations` namespace, just as I did in chapter 3. I describe validation further in chapter 29.

I also use the `BindNever` attribute, which prevents the user from supplying values for these properties in an HTTP request. This is a feature of the model binding system, which I describe in chapter 28, and it stops ASP.NET Core using values from the HTTP request to populate sensitive or important model properties.

9.3.2 Adding the checkout process

The goal is to reach the point where users can enter their shipping details and submit an order. To start, I need to add a Checkout button to the cart view, as shown in listing 9.12.

Listing 9.12 Adding a button in the `Cart.cshtml` file in the `SportsStore/Pages` folder

```
...
<div class="text-center">
  <a class="btn btn-primary" href="@Model.ReturnUrl">
    Continue shopping
  </a>
  <a class="btn btn-primary" asp-action="Checkout"
    asp-controller="Order">
    Checkout
  </a>
</div>
...
```

This change generates a link that I have styled as a button and that, when clicked, calls the `Checkout` action method of the `Order` controller, which I create in the following section. To show how Razor Pages and controllers can work together, I am going to handle the order processing in a controller and then return to a Razor Page at the end of the process. To see the Checkout button, restart ASP.NET Core, request `http://localhost:5000`, and click one of the Add To Cart buttons. The new button is shown as part of the cart summary, as shown in figure 9.3.

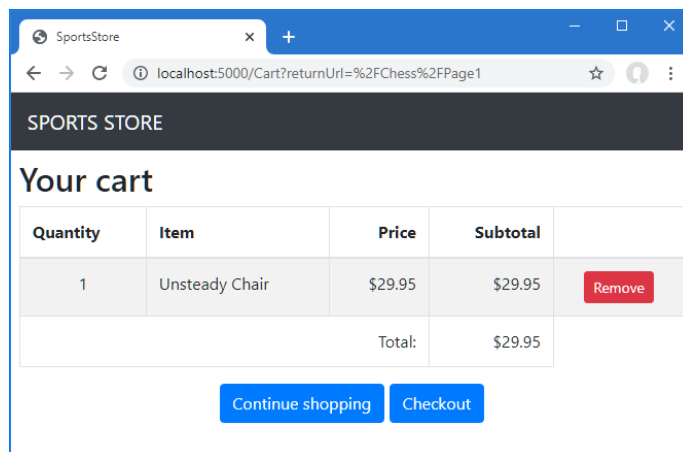


Figure 9.3 The Checkout button

9.3.3 Creating the controller and view

I now need to define the controller that will deal with the order. I added a class file called `OrderController.cs` to the `Controllers` folder and used it to define the class shown in listing 9.13.

Listing 9.13 The `OrderController.cs` file in the `SportsStore/Controllers` folder

```
using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc;
using SportsStore.Models;

namespace SportsStore.Controllers {

    public class OrderController : Controller {

        public IActionResult Checkout() => View(new Order());
    }
}
```

The `Checkout` method returns the default view and passes a new `Order` object as the view model. To create the view, I created the `Views/Order` folder and added to it a Razor View called `Checkout.cshtml` with the markup shown in listing 9.14.

Listing 9.14 The `Checkout.cshtml` file in the `SportsStore/Views/Order` folder

```
@model Order

<h2>Check out now</h2>
<p>Please enter your details, and we'll ship your goods right away!</p>

<form asp-action="Checkout" method="post">
    <h3>Ship to</h3>
    <div class="form-group">
        <label>Name:</label>
        <input asp-for="Name" class="form-control" />
    </div>
    <h3>Address</h3>
    <div class="form-group">
        <label>Line 1:</label>
        <input asp-for="Line1" class="form-control" />
    </div>
    <div class="form-group">
        <label>Line 2:</label>
        <input asp-for="Line2" class="form-control" />
    </div>
    <div class="form-group">
        <label>Line 3:</label>
        <input asp-for="Line3" class="form-control" />
    </div>
    <div class="form-group">
        <label>City:</label>
        <input asp-for="City" class="form-control" />
    </div>
    <div class="form-group">
        <label>State:</label>
        <input asp-for="State" class="form-control" />
    </div>
</form>
```

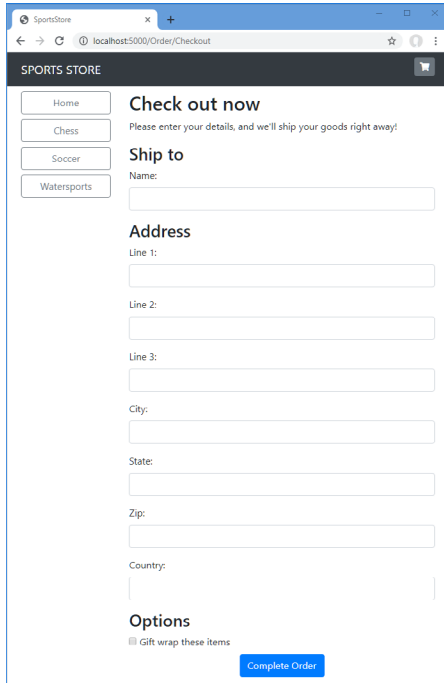
```

</div>
<div class="form-group">
  <label>Zip:</label>
  <input asp-for="Zip" class="form-control" />
</div>
<div class="form-group">
  <label>Country:</label>
  <input asp-for="Country" class="form-control" />
</div>
<h3>Options</h3>
<div class="checkbox">
  <label>
    <input asp-for="GiftWrap" /> Gift wrap these items
  </label>
</div>
<div class="text-center">
  <input class="btn btn-primary" type="submit"
    value="Complete Order" />
</div>
</form>

```

For each of the properties in the model, I have created a `label` and `input` elements to capture the user input, styled with Bootstrap, and configured using a tag helper. The `asp-for` attribute on the `input` elements is handled by a built-in tag helper that generates the `type`, `id`, `name`, and `value` attributes based on the specified model property, as described in chapter 27.

You can see the form, shown in figure 9.4, by restarting ASP.NET Core, requesting `http://localhost:5000`, adding an item to the basket, and clicking the Checkout button. Or, more directly, you can request `http://localhost:5000/order/checkout`.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar at `localhost:5000/Order/Checkout`. The page has a dark header with "SPORTS STORE" and a shopping cart icon. On the left is a sidebar with category buttons: Home, Chess, Soccer, and Watersports. The main content area is titled "Check out now" with the instruction "Please enter your details, and we'll ship your goods right away!". Below this is a "Ship to" section with a "Name:" label and an input field. The "Address" section follows, with labels and input fields for "Line 1:", "Line 2:", "Line 3:", "City:", "State:", "Zip:", and "Country:". At the bottom, there is an "Options" section with a checkbox labeled "Gift wrap these items" and a blue "Complete Order" button.

Figure 9.4
The shipping
details form

9.3.4 Implementing order processing

I will process orders by writing them to the database. Most e-commerce sites would not simply stop there, of course, and I have not provided support for processing credit cards or other forms of payment. But I want to keep things focused on ASP.NET Core, so a simple database entry will do.

EXTENDING THE DATABASE

Adding a new kind of model to the database is simple because of the initial setup I went through in chapter 7. First, I added a new property to the database context class, as shown in listing 9.15.

Listing 9.15 Adding a property in the `StoreDbContext.cs` file in the `SportsStore/Models` folder

```
using Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore;

namespace SportsStore.Models {
    public class StoreDbContext : DbContext {

        public StoreDbContext(DbContextOptions<StoreDbContext> options)
            : base(options) { }

        public DbSet<Product> Products => Set<Product>();
        public DbSet<Order> Orders => Set<Order>();
    }
}
```

This change is enough for Entity Framework Core to create a database migration that will allow `Order` objects to be stored in the database. To create the migration, use a PowerShell command prompt to run the command shown in listing 9.16 in the `SportsStore` folder.

Listing 9.16 Creating a migration

```
dotnet ef migrations add Orders
```

This command tells Entity Framework Core to take a new snapshot of the application data model, work out how it differs from the previous database version, and generate a new migration called `Orders`. The new migration will be applied automatically when the application starts because the `SeedData` calls the `Migrate` method provided by Entity Framework Core.

Resetting the database

When you are making frequent changes to the model, there will come a point when your migrations and your database schema get out of sync. The easiest thing to do is delete the database and start over. However, this applies only during development, of course, because you will lose any data you have stored. Run this command to delete the database:

```
dotnet ef database drop --force --context StoreDbContext
```

(continued)

Once the database has been removed, run the following command from the `SportsStore` folder to re-create the database and apply the migrations you have created by running the following command:

```
dotnet ef database update --context StoreDbContext
```

The migrations will also be applied by the `SeedData` class if you just start the application. Either way, the database will be reset so that it accurately reflects your data model and allows you to return to developing your application.

CREATING THE ORDER REPOSITORY

I am going to follow the same pattern I used for the product repository to provide access to the `Order` objects. I added a class file called `IOrderRepository.cs` to the `Models` folder and used it to define the interface shown in listing 9.17.

Listing 9.17 The `IOrderRepository.cs` file in the `SportsStore/Models` folder

```
namespace SportsStore.Models {

    public interface IOrderRepository {

        IQueryable<Order> Orders { get; }
        void SaveOrder(Order order);
    }
}
```

To implement the order repository interface, I added a class file called `EFOOrderRepository.cs` to the `Models` folder and defined the class shown in listing 9.18.

Listing 9.18 The `EFOOrderRepository.cs` File in the `SportsStore/Models` folder

```
using Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore;

namespace SportsStore.Models {

    public class EFOOrderRepository : IOrderRepository {
        private StoreDbContext context;

        public EFOOrderRepository(StoreDbContext ctx) {
            context = ctx;
        }

        public IQueryable<Order> Orders => context.Orders
            .Include(o => o.Lines)
            .ThenInclude(l => l.Product);

        public void SaveOrder(Order order) {
            context.AttachRange(order.Lines.Select(l => l.Product));
            if (order.OrderID == 0) {
                context.Orders.Add(order);
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```

        }
        context.SaveChanges();
    }
}

```

This class implements the `IOrderRepository` interface using Entity Framework Core, allowing the set of `Order` objects that have been stored to be retrieved and allowing for orders to be created or changed.

Understanding the order repository

Entity Framework Core requires instruction to load related data if it spans multiple tables. In listing 9.18, I used the `Include` and `ThenInclude` methods to specify that when an `Order` object is read from the database, the collection associated with the `Lines` property should also be loaded along with each `Product` object associated with each collection object.

```

...
public IQueryable<Order> Orders => context.Orders
    .Include(o => o.Lines)
    .ThenInclude(l => l.Product);
...

```

This ensures that I receive all the data objects that I need without having to perform separate queries and then assemble the data myself.

An additional step is also required when I store an `Order` object in the database. When the user's cart data is de-serialized from the session store, new objects are created that are not known to Entity Framework Core, which then tries to write all the objects into the database. For the `Product` objects associated with an `Order`, this means that Entity Framework Core tries to write objects that have already been stored, which causes an error. To avoid this problem, I notify Entity Framework Core that the objects exist and shouldn't be stored in the database unless they are modified, as follows:

```

...
context.AttachRange(order.Lines.Select(l => l.Product));
...

```

This ensures that Entity Framework Core won't try to write the de-serialized `Product` objects that are associated with the `Order` object.

In listing 9.19, I have registered the order repository as a service in the `Program.cs` file.

Listing 9.19 Registering the service in the `Program.cs` file in the `SportsStore` folder

```

using Microsoft.EntityFrameworkCore;
using SportsStore.Models;

var builder = WebApplication.CreateBuilder(args);

builder.Services.AddControllersWithViews();

```

```

builder.Services.AddDbContext<StoreDbContext>(opts => {
    opts.UseSqlServer(
        builder.Configuration["ConnectionStrings:SportsStoreConnection"]);
});

builder.Services.AddScoped<IStoreRepository, EFStoreRepository>();
builder.Services.AddScoped<IOrderRepository, EFOrderRepository>();

builder.Services.AddRazorPages();
builder.Services.AddDistributedMemoryCache();
builder.Services.AddSession();
builder.Services.AddScoped<Cart>(sp => SessionCart.GetCart(sp));
builder.Services.AddSingleton<IHttpContextAccessor,
    HttpContextAccessor>();

var app = builder.Build();

app.UseStaticFiles();
app.UseSession();

app.MapControllerRoute("catpage",
    "{category}/Page{productPage:int}",
    new { Controller = "Home", action = "Index" });

app.MapControllerRoute("page", "Page{productPage:int}",
    new { Controller = "Home", action = "Index", productPage = 1 });

app.MapControllerRoute("category", "{category}",
    new { Controller = "Home", action = "Index", productPage = 1 });

app.MapControllerRoute("pagination",
    "Products/Page{productPage}",
    new { Controller = "Home", action = "Index", productPage = 1 });

app.MapDefaultControllerRoute();
app.MapRazorPages();

SeedData.EnsurePopulated(app);

app.Run();

```

9.3.5 Completing the order controller

To complete the `OrderController` class, I need to modify the constructor so that it receives the services it requires to process an order and add an action method that will handle the HTTP form `POST` request when the user clicks the Complete Order button. Listing 9.20 shows both changes.

Listing 9.20 Completing the controller in the `OrderController.cs` file in the `SportsStore/Controllers` folder

```

using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc;
using SportsStore.Models;

namespace SportsStore.Controllers {

```

```

public class OrderController : Controller {
    private IOrderRepository repository;
    private Cart cart;

    public OrderController(IOrderRepository repoService,
        Cart cartService) {
        repository = repoService;
        cart = cartService;
    }

    public ViewResult Checkout() => View(new Order());

    [HttpPost]
    public IActionResult Checkout(Order order) {
        if (cart.Lines.Count() == 0) {
            ModelState.AddModelError("",
                "Sorry, your cart is empty!");
        }
        if (ModelState.IsValid) {
            order.Lines = cart.Lines.ToArray();
            repository.SaveOrder(order);
            cart.Clear();
            return RedirectToPage("/Completed",
                new { orderId = order.OrderID });
        } else {
            return View();
        }
    }
}

```

The `Checkout` action method is decorated with the `HttpPost` attribute, which means that it will be used to handle `POST` requests—in this case, when the user submits the form.

In chapter 8, I use the ASP.NET Core model binding feature to receive simple data values from the request. This same feature is used in the new action method to receive a completed `Order` object. When a request is processed, the model binding system tries to find values for the properties defined by the `Order` class. This works on a best-effort basis, which means I may receive an `Order` object lacking property values if there is no corresponding data item in the request.

To ensure I have the data I require, I applied validation attributes to the `Order` class. ASP.NET Core checks the validation constraints that I applied to the `Order` class and provides details of the result through the `ModelState` property. I can see whether there are any problems by checking the `ModelState.IsValid` property. I call the `ModelState.AddModelError` method to register an error message if there are no items in the cart. I will explain how to display such errors shortly, and I have much more to say about model binding and validation in chapters 28 and 29.

Unit test: order processing

To perform unit testing for the `OrderController` class, I need to test the behavior of the `POST` version of the `Checkout` method. Although the method looks short and simple, the use of model binding means that a lot is going on behind the scenes that needs to be tested.

I want to process an order only if there are items in the cart *and* the customer has provided valid shipping details. Under all other circumstances, the customer should be shown an error. Here is the first test method, which I defined in a class file called `OrderControllerTests.cs` in the `SportsStore.Tests` project:

```
using Microsoft.AspNetCore.Mvc;
using Moq;
using SportsStore.Controllers;
using SportsStore.Models;
using Xunit;

namespace SportsStore.Tests {

    public class OrderControllerTests {

        [Fact]
        public void Cannot_Checkout_Empty_Cart() {
            // Arrange - create a mock repository
            Mock<IOrderRepository> mock = new Mock<IOrderRepository>();
            // Arrange - create an empty cart
            Cart cart = new Cart();
            // Arrange - create the order
            Order order = new Order();
            // Arrange - create an instance of the controller
            OrderController target =
                new OrderController(mock.Object, cart);

            // Act
            ViewResult? result = target.Checkout(order) as ViewResult;

            // Assert - check that the order hasn't been stored
            mock.Verify(m => m.SaveOrder(It.IsAny<Order>()), Times.Never);
            // Assert - check that the method is returning the default view
            Assert.True(string.IsNullOrEmpty(result?.ViewName));
            // Assert - check I am passing an invalid model to the view
            Assert.False(result?.ViewData.ModelState.IsValid);
        }
    }
}
```

This test ensures that I cannot check out with an empty cart. I check this by ensuring that the `SaveOrder` of the mock `IOrderRepository` implementation is never called, that the view the method returns is the default view (which will redisplay the data entered by customers and give them a chance to correct it), and that the model state being passed to the view has been marked as invalid. This may seem like a belt-and-braces set of assertions, but I need all three to be sure that I have the right behavior. The next test method works in much the same way but injects an error into the view model to simulate a problem reported by the model binder (which would happen in production when the customer enters invalid shipping data):

(continued)

```

...
[Fact]
public void Cannot_Checkout_Invalid_ShippingDetails() {

    // Arrange - create a mock order repository
    Mock<IOrderRepository> mock = new Mock<IOrderRepository>();
    // Arrange - create a cart with one item
    Cart cart = new Cart();
    cart.AddItem(new Product(), 1);
    // Arrange - create an instance of the controller
    OrderController target = new OrderController(mock.Object, cart);
    // Arrange - add an error to the model
    target.ModelState.AddModelError("error", "error");

    // Act - try to checkout
    ViewResult? result = target.Checkout(new Order()) as ViewResult;

    // Assert - check that the order hasn't been passed stored
    mock.Verify(m => m.SaveOrder(It.IsAny<Order>()), Times.Never);
    // Assert - check that the method is returning the default view
    Assert.True(string.IsNullOrEmpty(result?.ViewName));
    // Assert - check that I am passing an invalid model to the view
    Assert.False(result?.ViewData.ModelState.IsValid);
}
...

```

Having established that an empty cart or invalid details will prevent an order from being processed, I need to ensure that I process orders when appropriate. Here is the test:

```

...
[Fact]
public void Can_Checkout_And_Submit_Order() {
    // Arrange - create a mock order repository
    Mock<IOrderRepository> mock = new Mock<IOrderRepository>();
    // Arrange - create a cart with one item
    Cart cart = new Cart();
    cart.AddItem(new Product(), 1);
    // Arrange - create an instance of the controller
    OrderController target = new OrderController(mock.Object, cart);

    // Act - try to checkout
    RedirectToPageResult? result =
        target.Checkout(new Order()) as RedirectToPageResult;

    // Assert - check that the order has been stored
    mock.Verify(m => m.SaveOrder(It.IsAny<Order>()), Times.Once);
    // Assert - check the method is redirecting to the Completed action
    Assert.Equal("/Completed", result?.PageName);
}
...

```

I did not need to test that I can identify valid shipping details. This is handled for me automatically by the model binder using the attributes applied to the properties of the `Order` class.

9.3.6 Displaying validation errors

ASP.NET Core uses the validation attributes applied to the `Order` class to validate user data, but I need to make a simple change to display any problems. This relies on another built-in tag helper that inspects the validation state of the data provided by the user and adds warning messages for each problem that has been discovered. Listing 9.21 shows the addition of an HTML element that will be processed by the tag helper to the `Checkout.cshtml` file.

Listing 9.21 Adding a validation summary to the `Checkout.cshtml` file in the `SportsStore/Views/Order` folder

```
@model Order

<h2>Check out now</h2>
<p>Please enter your details, and we'll ship your goods right away!</p>

<div asp-validation-summary="All" class="text-danger"></div>

<form asp-action="Checkout" method="post">
  <h3>Ship to</h3>
  <div class="form-group">
    <label>Name:</label>
    <input asp-for="Name" class="form-control" />
  </div>
  <h3>Address</h3>
  <div class="form-group">
    <label>Line 1:</label>
    <input asp-for="Line1" class="form-control" />
  </div>
  <div class="form-group">
    <label>Line 2:</label>
    <input asp-for="Line2" class="form-control" />
  </div>
  <div class="form-group">
    <label>Line 3:</label>
    <input asp-for="Line3" class="form-control" />
  </div>
  <div class="form-group">
    <label>City:</label>
    <input asp-for="City" class="form-control" />
  </div>
  <div class="form-group">
    <label>State:</label>
    <input asp-for="State" class="form-control" />
  </div>
  <div class="form-group">
    <label>Zip:</label>
    <input asp-for="Zip" class="form-control" />
  </div>
  <div class="form-group">
    <label>Country:</label>
    <input asp-for="Country" class="form-control" />
  </div>
</form>
```



```

</div>
<h3>Options</h3>
<div class="checkbox">
  <label>
    <input asp-for="GiftWrap" /> Gift wrap these items
  </label>
</div>
<div class="text-center">
  <input class="btn btn-primary" type="submit"
    value="Complete Order" />
</div>
</form>

```

With this simple change, validation errors are reported to the user. To see the effect, restart ASP.NET Core, request `http://localhost:5000/Order/Checkout`, and click the Complete Order button without filling out the form. ASP.NET Core will process the form data, detect that the required values were not found, and generate the validation errors shown in figure 9.5.

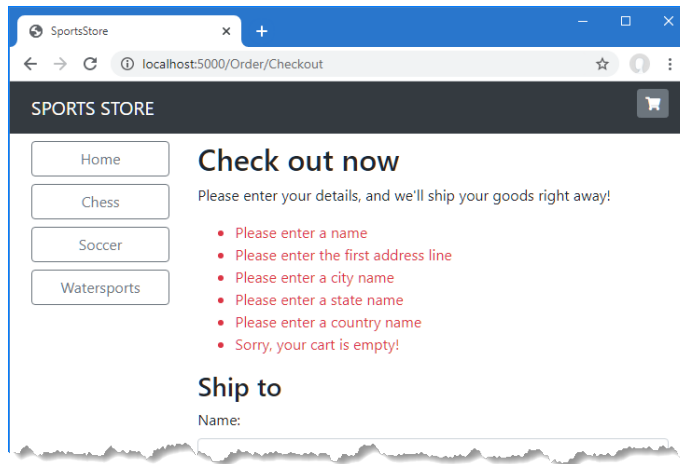


Figure 9.5 Displaying validation messages

TIP The data submitted by the user is sent to the server before it is validated, which is known as *server-side validation* and for which ASP.NET Core has excellent support. The problem with server-side validation is that the user isn't told about errors until after the data has been sent to the server and processed and the result page has been generated—something that can take a few seconds on a busy server. For this reason, server-side validation is usually complemented by *client-side validation*, where JavaScript is used to check the values that the user has entered before the form data is sent to the server. I describe client-side validation in chapter 29.

9.3.7 Displaying a summary page

To complete the checkout process, I am going to create a Razor Page that displays a thank-you message with a summary of the order. Add a Razor Page named `Completed.cshtml` to the `Pages` folder with the contents shown in listing 9.22.

Listing 9.22 The contents of the `Completed.cshtml` file in the `SportsStore/Pages` folder

```
@page

<div class="text-center">
    <h2>Thanks!</h2>
    <p>Thanks for placing order #@OrderId</p>
    <p>We'll ship your goods as soon as possible.</p>
    <a class="btn btn-primary" asp-controller="Home">Return to Store</a>
</div>

@functions {
    [BindProperty(SupportsGet = true)]
    public string? OrderId { get; set; }
}
```

Although Razor Pages usually have page model classes, they are not a requirement, and simple features can be developed without them. In this example, I have defined a property named `OrderId` and decorated it with the `BindProperty` attribute, which specifies that a value for this property should be obtained from the request by the model binding system.

Now customers can go through the entire process, from selecting products to checking out. If they provide valid shipping details (and have items in their cart), they will see the summary page when they click the `Complete Order` button, as shown in figure 9.6.

Notice the way the application moves between controllers and Razor Pages. The application features that ASP.NET Core provides are complementary and can be mixed freely in projects.

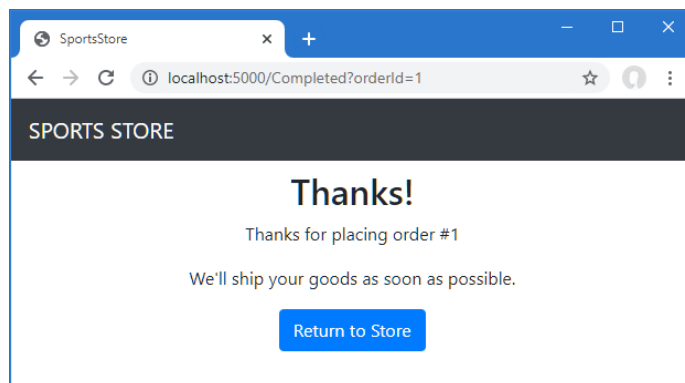


Figure 9.6 The completed order summary view

Summary

- Representations of user data can be written to persist themselves as session data.
- View components are used to present content that is not directly related to the view model for the current response, such as a summary of a shopping cart.
- View components can access services via dependency injection to get the data they require.
- User data can be received using HTTP POST requests, which are transformed into C# objects by model binding.
- ASP.NET Core provides integrated support for validating user data and displaying details of validation problems to the user. Revisit and enhance the URL scheme
- Create a category list that will go into the sidebar of the site, highlighting the current category and linking to others